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Mr. Joseph E. Jones, General Agent
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Dear Mr. Jones:

Regarding the letter from Mr. Thomas Premo of February 21, 1968, wherein he stated that the Home Office would allow expanded coverage in certain areas, please be advised that we implemented this liberalization effective January 1, 1968. The coverage involved is as follows:

1. Pap Smears, except when part of a routine physical examination.
2. Initial infertility test where no sickness or impairment is found.
3. Sterility procedures where there are no health reasons.

It is our understanding that these changes will not necessitate a premium increase. We are fully aware that the Pap Smears are not to be reimbursable if in connection with a routine annual physical.

Very truly yours,



President

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This is a followup to our telephone conversation a couple of days ago regarding:

1. Pap Smears, except when part of a routine physical examination.
2. Initial infertility test where no sickness or impairment is found.
3. Sterility procedures where there are no health reasons.

In a memo from George Edson dated February 8, 1968, he indicates that the Home Office will allow coverage in the above named areas if the group concurs.

As I indicated to you on the telephone, these three areas have been problem areas and it was my feeling that we should consider covering them. Prior to this time, it was the feeling in our Home Office Group Department that they should not be covered but they have reconsidered and with your concurrence will authorize coverage.

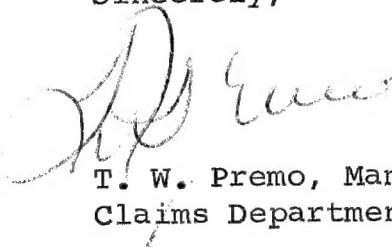
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This will not entail changes in the brochure and we do not feel it should be announced. Inasmuch as it is a change in the administrative interpretation there really is no change in our present detail of coverage.

Would you write me a letter and tell me if you concur or do not concur with covering these items?

Sincerely,



T. W. Premo, Manager
Claims Department

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